



WHEREAS, for the past 26 years the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in the City of Key West, especially for very low income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are many local organizations committed to sheltering and providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Key West City Commission recognizes that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in our community; and

WHEREAS, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of local hunger and homeless service organizations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Key West City Commission hereby proclaims November 12-20, 2016 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West and Jimmy Weekley, District 1 City Commissioner, and Sam Kaufman, District 2 City Commissioner, do hereby proclaim November 12-20, 2016 as

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States". We would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to recognize that many people do not have adequate food and housing and need support from citizens, and private/public agencies and nonprofit organizations.

Jimmy Weekley, District I Commissioner

Sam Kaufman, District II Commissioner

Craig Cates, MAYOR